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CITY RECEIVES \$3 MILLION GRANT TO HELP PROTECT GREENSBORO RESIDENTS

GREENSBORO, NC (September 28, 2004) – The City of Greensboro's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has received for the second time a \$3 million grant aimed at protecting children in low-income households from lead-based paint and other public health and safety hazards. The grant is part of more than \$96 million in grants announced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Greensboro Lead Safe Housing Program was first funded in July of 2002 and has tested and treated lead hazards in more than 215 homes. The new Lead Hazard Control Grant will fund:

- Testing and remediation of lead-based paint hazards in privately owned low-income homes and rental properties
- Temporarily relocating families during lead control work
- Community education and outreach
- Job training for lead hazard control workers
- Collecting and analyzing data to measure program success

HCD together with a consortium of City, County and community-based organizations has developed and implemented a comprehensive, community-based plan called the Greensboro Lead Safe Housing Program to identify and control lead based paint hazards in eligible homes. The focus of the program is to prevent the incidence of childhood lead poisoning by promoting public awareness and creating healthy living conditions for children.

“Lead is an insidious hazard; one that is a great danger to our children,” says Andy Scott, Director of the Greensboro Department of Housing and Community Development. “This grant will allow the City of Greensboro and its partners to continue their great work in reducing the threat in Greensboro,” he adds.

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Lead-based paint hazards may be found in homes built prior to 1978 and can cause health and learning problems for young children, especially children under the age of six. For further information contact Linda Golden, Greensboro Department of Housing and Community Development at 336-373-2349.

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to build an increased quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment where inclusion, diversity, and trust are valued. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City of Greensboro is governed by a council-manager form of government where a mayor and eight council members act as the legislative body. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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